

Sinclair's recent decision to pre-empt local programming to air an anti-Kerry Vietnam documentary in a blatant attempt to affect the election is absolutely shameful. It is particularly shameful because even the Bush administration has declared (at least publicly) that Kerry's war record is unimpeachably patriotic. If the FCC allows this sort of mass media electioneering manipulation (disguised as an 'objective source') it will do serious harm to our country's democratic ideals and cheapen the public debate.